

# **WEARDALE FLOWER AND GARDEN CLUB**

## **MAY 2025 MEETING**

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**Welcome to our May meeting and our speaker Sam from Cowells Garden Centre. Sam has also brought a selection of plants for sale, and everything he makes will be raffled.**

**FINANCE** Our bank balance is £4423.70 (as at 24th March).

We are very grateful to Scotmid who have donated £100 to our Club, together with £100 of Co-op vouchers to be used for refreshments.

### **28th JUNE OPEN GARDENS TEA**

Thank you to everyone who has offered to bake a cake and/or help on our fund raising day. We very much appreciate your support. Tea, coffee, milk, sugar and squash will be provided, and we will use our own mugs and other crockery from the centre. Tea and a portion of cake or a scone will be £3; children free.

So far, the rota for manning the hall (taking cash; serving cakes and drinks; clearing, kitchen) is:

1-2pm - Set up by members of the Committee

2-3pm - Anne L, Kathleen, Avril C, Lisa, Kate, Angie, Ann C

3-4pm - Alma, Audrey, Anne R, Meriel, Flora, Lynn T

4-5pm - Jane, Julie, Christine, Lynn T, Avril W, Rita, Margaret

5-6pm - Clear up by members of the Committee

Donations of cakes can be left on the Friday with Ruby at Pear Tree Cottage, Front St., Susan at 58 West End, or Barbara at 68 West End, or delivered to the hall on the afternoon.

There will be a plant stall at Jeanette Kelly's, Millstream Cottage, and she would appreciate any donations.

### **HARROGATE AND HARLOW CARR GARDENS VISIT ON 5TH JULY (SATURDAY)**

We have booked a bus from Hodgsons, Barnard Castle. The cost will be £10 per member, which includes free entry to Harlow Carr gardens (a saving of £16.80pp).

The planned schedule is:-

9.30 leave Market Place to arrive in Harrogate approx 11 am for 2 hrs.

1 pm Leave Harrogate centre for Harlow Carr

1.30pm Arrive Harlow Carr for afternoon visit

4 or 5pm Leave Harlow Carr - depends on the weather

Friends are welcome to come along, at a cost of £20. So far, we have 27 names so there is still space on the bus if anyone else would like to go. Please see Susan tonight, or phone/msg 07814 498281, or Barbara 07785 551934, Can we please take monies at the June meeting. Thankyou.

### **WILLOW WEAVING WORKSHOP**

There is one place still available for the Willow Weaving Workshop at St Annes Centre on Saturday 1st November 2025, from 10 am to 4 pm. The cost will be £55 to include Coffee and Scones on arrival; and tea and cake in the afternoon. Please bring a packed lunch. All materials will be provided, and you just need to bring your secateurs. You can make one of the following: hen, duck, pheasant or hare.

Please let Susan know if you would like a place. Msg 07814-498281; or email [susan.harris126@btinternet.com](mailto:susan.harris126@btinternet.com). Thankyou

**USHAW** Specialist plant and garden fair, Saturday 14 June, 10 am to 4pm.

**LIVING NORTH LIVE** Newcastle Race Course, 30th May to 1st June

### **QUICK ELDERFLOWER CHAMPAGNE (makes 4 ltrs)**

600 g caster sugar; 2 TB white wine vinegar; 30 lg heads of elderflower; grated zest and juice of 3 lemons; 1 tsp dried yeast.

Boil 4 ltrs of water, add sugar and stir over low heat till dissolved, then cool.

Add vinegar, elderflowers, lemon zest and juice.

Sprinkle over dried yeast, cover and leave 24 hrs.

Strain and pour into **wire topped** bottles. Will be ready in 10 days.

Drink within 2-3 weeks.

**NEXT MEETING** We look forward to flower demonstration by John Thexton at our June meeting on the 17th. We have increased our flower allowance to £200 for this demonstration, and we will be serving summer drinks and nibbles.

Nicola Jones will have a stall at our June meeting, selling her range of luxury home fragrances/gifts and greeting cards. All are produced in the UK using environmentally accredited materials. Nicola will give a percentage of all sales to club funds.